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In re Patent Application of

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ALKYL- AND ARYL-DIPHOSPHONIC ACIDS AND SALTS THEREOF

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VIA EFS-WEB

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by one month. Credit card payment in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted via EFS-WEB for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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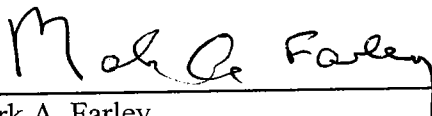
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Respectfully submitted,

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